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Thanks, EPA, for the work you do.

But, as you know, the state of the wonderful and wondrous ecosystems on which each and everyone of us depends for life is in free-fall decline. And it doesn't help that our regulatory agencies continue to "permit" harms. When will this end? The bureaucracy, I don't have to tell you, is impossible. I've been going to hearing and making comments for years, and the game is rigged.

We must change this is we want to preserve what we love. There's just no other way. Now, to my comments:

I support the cleanup option "G" with amendments, namely that the goal of the cleanup must be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory, for all individuals, including breast feeding women, related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor. The EPA must provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted.

This is only common sense.

We must be bold. The EPA's plan removes far too little contaminated sediment from the river. We recommend that at least 1000 acres of polluted sediment be removed.

The EPA's plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery" which in essence leaves polluted material in the river, and monitors it over time.

Come on! The rivers are our life-blood!

Those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other toxic and persistent pollutants in the river sediments, must meet their community obligation to do the right thing and conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup. It's time to make the polluters pay.

The Willamette River is a cherished and sacred gift, not a dump site. Let's get busy and clean this place up. It's our only home.